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SUBJ: GOE ACCEPTS PROPOSED VISIT OF US TEAM TO DISCUSS FISHERIES
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1. SUBSECRETARY VALDEZ TELEPHONED ME AT 6:15 PM FEBRUARY 19 TO SAY THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES ABOUT THE PROPOSAL I HAD MADE EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON REPORTED REFTEL. HE SAID THE FONMIN WAS AGREEABLE TO RECEIVE THE TEAM AS OUTLINED BY ME WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT (A) THE GOE COULD NOT ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS WHICH WERE OUTSIDE ITS LAW AND (B) THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A CONTINUATION OF THE ADJOURNED 1968 FOUR POWER TALKS IN BUENOS AIRES. WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING, VALDEZ SAID, THE GOE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE TEAM NEXT WEEK. I ASKED WHETHER THEY MIGHT BEGIN ON MONDAY AND VALDEZ REPLIED "MONDAY OR TUESDAY". TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 IS THEREFORE APPARENTLY THE PREFERRED GOE DATE.

2. RECOMMENDATION: I RECOMMEND THE TEAM PLAN TO ARRIVE QUITO SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 IN ORDER TO CONSULT WITH US AND TO BE PREPARED FOR A POSSIBLE INITIAL MEETING WITH GOE AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 24. PLEASE INSTRUCT.

3. IN CONFIRMING TEAM ARRIVAL TO GOE SUBJECT OF PUBLICITY FOR TEAM WILL ARISE. MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT
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WE DEFER TO WISHES OF THE GOE, SUBJECT

TO AGREEMENT ON WORDING OF ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD THEY DESIRE
ONE BE ISSUED. PLEASE ADVISE.
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